

**Mr. Pinard:** I respect your ruling, Mr. Speaker. Out of deference, I shall let the Hon. Member deliver his speech.

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[English]

**BORROWING AUTHORITY ACT, 1984-85**

MEASURE TO ESTABLISH

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. MacLaren that Bill C-21, an Act to provide borrowing authority, be read the second time and referred to the Standing Committee on Finance, Trade and Economic Affairs; and the amendment of Mr. Darling (p. 2292) and the amendment to the amendment of Mr. Deans (p. 2299).

**Hon. Allan Lawrence (Durham-Northumberland):** Mr. Speaker, this afternoon we are talking about the borrowing Bill. We need a borrowing Bill of such an amount because of the waste and extravagance practised by the Government. I should like to bring to the attention of the House one small example of unnecessary expense in the Supplementary Estimates. We will have to register an objection to it by tomorrow if we want a vote on it. Last night at the Standing Committee of Justice and Legal Affairs, Supplementary Estimates (C) were dealt with. I noted a small item in Vote 1c of those Estimates which just carries the blunt heading "Information". A \$45,000 estimate was put down for that.

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**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. May I inquire from the Hon. Member if I understood correctly that he is referring to a matter that is now before a committee of the House?

**Mr. Lawrence:** No, Sir, it is not before a committee of the House now. I wish it were. This is the only means I have to publicize some of the expense, extravagance and lack of explanation given to Members regarding these things. That is why we have a borrowing Bill and that is my complaint.

After a great deal of heeing and hawing and hooing by civil servants, this turned out to be an expenditure of \$32,500. That is not a large amount as far as expenditures are concerned but it turns out that this is a one-tenth share of the Department of Justice in regard to an over-all bill by the Canadian Unity Information Office. When we asked what that referred to, we were told that they really did not know, except that it was a special advertising campaign. They did not know what that covered nor did they know how it was figured out that the Department of Justice should have a one-tenth share of it. That is why we will object tomorrow to Supplementary Estimates Vote 1c, Department of Justice.

**Mr. Deputy Speaker:** Order. It being six o'clock p.m., this House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. tomorrow, pursuant to Standing Order 2(1).

At 6 p.m., the House adjourned, without question put, pursuant to Standing Order.